

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are rejected as being anticipated by Perlman et al. (United States Patent No. 6,141,693).

Claim 1 is amended to recite a network element having a transcoder for transcoding content of a content creator or provider that is presented in a certain form on one type of support terminal, node or device, featuring the transcoder having a transcoder operation module for transcoding the content based on one or more permissible transcoding operations authorized by the content creator or provider so as to present the content in a different and acceptable form on another type of support terminal, node or device.

Independent claim 25 is similarly amended.

The rejection is respectfully traversed because Perlman et al. does not teach or suggest a network element having a transcoder for transcoding content of a content creator featuring the transcoder having a transcoder operation module for transcoding the content based on permissible transcoding operations authorized by the content creator or provider, as recited in claim 1.

While Perlman et al.' transcoder 66 clearly performs transcoding operation, for example, by modifying certain documents, file and video data, none of these operations are related to transcoding the content based on permissible

transcoding operations authorized by the content creator or provider, as recited in claim 1. In other words, it is respectfully submitted that nothing in Perlman et al., including the passages cited in the Office Action, suggests that the content creator or provider authorized permissible transcoding operations performed on the content provided to the client device.

Moreover, in the summary of the invention section, Perlman et al. describes that:

"A video processor is configured to receive auxiliary data corresponding to the video stream, the auxiliary data including the information indicative of at least one video frame of the plurality of video frames. The video processor is further configured to modify the video frame in accordance with the auxiliary data. The video processor uses the received auxiliary data to identify a portion of the at least one video frame, the portion being modified in the act of modifying the video frame, other portions of the at least one video frame not being so modified."

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Perlman et al. relates to broadcasting applications and it does not teach or even hint in any manner that the aforementioned "auxiliary data" could be content creator provided authorization indicating permissible transcoding operations.

For all these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that Perlman et al. does not teach or suggest the claimed invention.

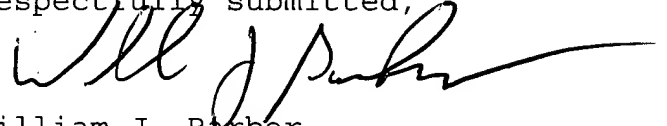
Finally, to overcome the rejection in paragraph 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-29 are amended to replace the phrase

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"characterized in that" with the term --wherein--, consistent with Rule 75(e)(2).

Reconsideration and early allowance of the claims is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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